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To whom it may concern:

This letter serves as a comment to proposed regulations regarding the Specialty Crop Block Grant authorized by the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004. Section 1290.4 (Eligible Grant Project) states that "priority will be given to fresh specialty crop projects". This language is NOT acceptable as the term "fresh" excludes the wine industry. The bill passed in 2004 does not discriminate between fresh and processed specialty crops.

We respectfully request removal of the sentence under 1290.4 that reads "Priority will be given to fresh specialty crop projects."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy W. Zeman".

Nancy W. Zeman
Owner